

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Item 2

Please amend the abstract as follows:

[Processes for isolating and amplifying DNA from biological materials is provided.]

A 2 Processes for isolating, amplifying, and characterizing DNA from biological materials are provided. DNA is isolated by contacting a biological material on a solid support which is preferably pre-treated with a lysing reagent. The isolation process is simple and efficient and provides a source of purified DNA without the use of harmful organic solvents such as urea and guanidine-based solvents. The purified DNA and remaining fractions of biological material may be characterized or amplified as necessary.

Item 3

The Examiner states that the "specification is objected to because the specification lacks a generic description of the trademarks. Examples include: DNA purifying reagent (GENERATION DNA Purification Solution, Gentra Systems, Inc.) (pg 52), The Capture Column (pg 52) and DNA Elution Solution (pg 52).

It is respectfully pointed out to the Examiner that a generic description of the trademarks is provided for the Capture Column on line 2, page 52, for the DNA purifying reagent on line 8, page 52, for the DNA eluting reagent on line 26, page 48.